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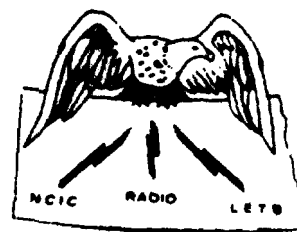
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Ms. Donna Searcy
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Federal Communications Commission
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Ms. Searcy:

I am writing regarding PR Docket No. 92-235 which ~~will~~ create a replacement of Part 90 by ~~Part 88~~ to revise the Private Land Mobile Radio Services and modify the policies governing them.

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cause a full system changeout in North Dakota. Mobile and portable radios are estimated to cost approximately \$7,000,000. Another \$6,000,000 dollars would be necessary to change out all of our base stations and repeaters. These are costs that are out of reach for our North Dakota citizens. Every city and county would be effected.

- 4/ There is no interoperability between the new and old systems, or between the new Part 88 VHF 5 kHz equipment and the Federal 6.25 kHz equipment. Its very simple, if you change and your neighbors don't, both of you are out of luck - no communications!

I sincerely hope the Commission will take the time to evaluate the effect that the new Part 88 would have on rural states and their communication systems. We cannot allow regulations to destroy our communications systems.

Sincerely,



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